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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application identified above. Claims 2-6 and 9-12 are pending; claims 2, 4 and 9-12 are amended; and claims 1, 7-8 and 13-20 are cancelled. The rejections as conceivably applied to pending claims are respectfully traversed.

Applicants thank Examiner Ahmad for the statement that claims 2-6 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been amended, and it is respectfully submitted that they are now in allowable form.

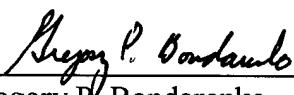
With regard to the remaining (non-pending) claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103 are improper and unfounded, and will be submitting a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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